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SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES

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1. BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REFTELS AND FROM OTHER SOURCES, WE FEEL THAT THE MOST DESIRABLE COMBINATION OF NOMINEES TO REPLACE LAI AND HUSLID AS MEMBERS OF SUBJECT PANELS WOULD BE TAN (AS CHAIRMAN) AND GABRIELSSON. THIS
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COMBINATION WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF BEING

ACCEPTED BY EC, AND POSSESSES THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF PRESERVING GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE OF PANELS. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST YOU PROPOSE TO EC REPRESENTATIVE THAT TAN REPLACE LAI AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PANELS AND THAT GABRIELSSON REPLACE HUSLID AS A GATT EXPERT PANEL MEMBER. PLEASE INFORM EC THAT IF THESE NOMINEES ARE ACCEPTABLE, WE CONSIDER THEIR ACCEPTANCE TO REPRESENT FINAL AGREEMENT ON PANELS, WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF TAN AS CHAIRMAN, GABRIELSSON AND FALCONER AS GATT EXPERTS AND DUE AND FORTE AS TAX EXPERTS. IF EC ACCEPTS TAN AND GABRIELSSON, EITHER SIDE COULD CHECK THEIR AVAILABILITY.

2. FYI. FORMER AMBASSADOR MALMGREN HAS ALSO SPOKEN HIGHLY OF GABRIELSSON'S QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS PANEL MEMBER. SISCO

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